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## Grammar Midterm

### Part 1 Matching Basic Grammar and Knowledge of Terms (2 points each)

1. \_\_\_ An adjective that comes before the word it modifies is called a(n) \_\_\_ adjective.
2. \_\_\_ A kind of verbal that functions only as a noun
3. \_\_\_ myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, themselves
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_ A word that modifies nouns and pronouns.
6. \_\_\_ me, you, him, her, it, us, them
7. \_\_\_ That aspect of the verb that deals with whether the subject is doing the action or receiving the action in meaning
8. \_\_\_ A word that modifies verbs, adjectives and adverbs.
9. \_\_\_ I, you, he, she, it, we, they
10. \_\_\_ Indicative, subjunctive, and imperative
11. \_\_\_ A preposition that is part of a verb in an idiom
12. \_\_\_ An adjective that follows a linking verb and modifies the subject is called a(n) \_\_\_ adjective.
13. \_\_\_ A word pair such as "either ... or" and "both ... and"
14. \_\_\_ That form of a verb that shows continuing action
15. \_\_\_ who, whose, whom, which, that
16. \_\_\_ Transition words, such as "however" and "therefore"
17. \_\_\_ A word or group of words that function as a noun
18. \_\_\_ several, few, both, many, each, either, one, anyone, anybody, someone, somebody, everyone, everybody
19. \_\_\_ the suffix is added to this part of speech to make it an adjective.
20. \_\_\_ a, an and the

- A. adjective
- B. subjective case personal pronouns
- C. particle
- D. noun
- E. relative pronouns
- F. adverb
- G. progressive
- H. indefinite pronouns
- I. attributive
- J. conjunctive adverbs
- K. objective case personal pronouns
- L. mood
- M. correlative conjunction
- N. gerund
- O. reflexive pronoun
- P. predicate
- Q. substantive
- R. voice
- S. articles

**Part 2** *Parsing a Sentence* Use the following sentence to answer questions 1–10 that follow. Choose ONE answer. (3 points each)

Sliding down the steep hill, my excited little brother Sam screamed loudly with delight.

1. The word “little” modifies the word \_\_\_\_.
  - a. “delight”
  - b. “brother”
  - c. “Sam”
  - d. “excited”
  - e. “hill”
2. The word *sliding* is \_\_\_\_.
  - a. an idiom
  - b. a substantive
  - c. a past participle
  - d. a gerund
  - e. a present participle
3. The word “with” is functioning as a(n) \_\_\_\_.
  - a. preposition
  - b. particle of a verb phrase
  - c. adjective
  - d. noun
  - e. gerund
4. The word “my” is functioning as a(n) \_\_\_\_.
  - a. predicate adjective
  - b. preposition
  - c. substantive
  - d. verbal
  - e. possessive personal pronoun
5. Which of the following is NOT true of the word *Sam* in the sentence?
  - a. It is a proper noun.
  - b. It is a substantive.
  - c. It is an appositive.
  - d. It is the simple subject of the sentence.
  - e. It is part of the complete subject of the sentence.
6. “With delight” is a(n) \_\_\_\_.
  - a. adjectival prepositional phrase
  - b. noun phrase
  - c. predicate
  - d. clause
  - e. adverbial phrase
7. The word *loudly* is a(n) \_\_\_\_ and modifies the word \_\_\_\_.
  - a. adverb....“Sam”
  - b. adverb....“screamed”
  - c. adverb....“with delight”
  - d. adjective....“Sam”
  - e. adjective....“screamed”
8. The word *little* is not \_\_\_\_.
  - a. a modifier
  - b. an attributive adjective
  - c. a substantive
  - d. part of a noun phrase

- e. part of the complete subject
9. The word *down* is \_\_\_\_.
- a. modifying *sliding*
  - b. part of a prepositional phrase
  - c. functioning as an adverb
  - d. functioning as a particle
  - e. functioning as a gerund
10. Which of the following identifies the main verb in the sentence?
- a. indicative, active, past
  - b. indicative, passive, past perfect
  - c. imperative, passive, past progressive
  - d. subjunctive, active, past
  - e. subjunctive, active, past progressive

**Part 3** *Understanding Verbs Use the following sentence to answer questions 1–10 that follow. (3 points each)*

Tom has been shouting at the top of his lungs for the last five minutes, but no one apparently hears him. Bob said that if he had had a megaphone, however, perhaps someone might spoken in reply.

1. What is the tense of the verb phrase “has been shouting”?
  - a. present
  - b. past
  - c. present perfect
  - d. past perfect
  - e. future perfect
2. Which of the following terms identifies the form of the verb phrase “has been shouting”?
  - a. passive
  - b. regular
  - c. active
  - d. progressive
  - e. past participle
3. The word “been” in the verb phrase “has been shouting” is functioning as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. action verb
  - b. complete predicate
  - c. linking verb
  - d. main verb
  - e. helping or auxiliary verb
4. Which of the following terms identifies the voice of the verb phrase “has been shouting”?
  - a. passive
  - b. subjunctive
  - c. progressive
  - d. regular
  - e. active
5. What is the tense and mood of the verb phrase “had had”?
  - a. present imperative
  - b. past subjunctive
  - c. present perfect indicative
  - d. past perfect indicative
  - e. future perfect indicative
6. Which of the following is true of the first “had” in the verb phrase “had had”?
  - a. It is the main verb.
  - b. It is a helping verb

- c. It indicates past tense.
  - d. It indicates that the verb is passive.
  - e. It indicates that the verb is future.
7. Which of the following is true of the second “had” in the verb phrase “had had”?
- a. It indicates past perfect tense.
  - b. It is the past participle of the verb “have.”
  - c. It is a helping verb.
  - d. It is a linking verb.
  - e. It is progressive.
8. What is the *person, number, voice, tense, and mood* of the verb phrase “hears”?
- a. first person, singular, active, present, subjunctive
  - b. first person, plural, passive, present, indicative
  - c. second person, plural, active, present, subjunctive
  - d. third person, singular, active, present, indicative
  - e. third person, plural, active, present, indicative
9. Which of the following is true of the word “might” in the verb phrase “might have spoken”?
- a. It is a helping verb.
  - b. It is a linking verb.
  - c. It is the main verb.
  - d. It indicates passive voice.
  - e. It indicates imperative mood.
10. Which of the following terms identifies the *principal part* of the verb “spoken” as it is used in the sentence?
- a. infinitive
  - b. past
  - c. past participle
  - d. passive
  - e. imperative

**E. C. Question (worth 20 points)** How old is Mr. Wombley at the end of this year?

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